### STATE FIREMEN IN ALEXANDRIA

Convention Opens With Interesting Address.

MORE SPEECHES TONIGHT

Brilliant Grand Parade Arranged for Tomorrow-Hose Races to Be Held Friday.

in this city, at 1 o'clock this afternoon. | dictate. The body of the house was filled with

Convention Opens.

Hon. George L. Simpson, mayor of Alexandria, who, on behalf of the citizens of Alexandria, bade the firemen welcome. The mayor was replied to by Capt. R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth,

speech before a public gathering here, and made a favorable impression.

R. W. Withers, State statistician, re-plied to Mr. Caton, thanking the Alexandria firemen for their hospitality and assuring them that the Virginia State Firemen's Association would always look on their trip to Alexandria with great pleasure.

After music by the band the conver tion adjourned until tonight, when the regular business of the convention will

Night Session.

When the convention assembles at ness has been transacted, a number of papers will be read, the topics of which have already appeared in The Times.

After the annual election of officers and the selection of a place of meeting for 1905, the convention will ad-

Grand Parade Tomorrow.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock the grand parade will take place. Hon. Park ing. Agnew, the chief marshal, has chosen the following aides to assist him: Major William M. Smith, chief of staff; J. S. De Silva, Relief Hook and Ladder company; John Leadbeater, marshal from the Columbia Steam Fire Engine company; Kenneth Ogden, marshal from the Reliance Steam Fire Engine company; Downham, marshal from the Friendship Veteran Fire Engine company; H. A. Downham, marshal from the Hydraulion Veteran Fire company; civilians, George H. Robinsca, T. W. Robinson, Urban Lambert, George P. Aitcheson, J. Johnson Green, R. L. Myers, J. William May, James A. Stoutenburgh, J. M. Hill, Dr. William Rogers, jr., Q. Wallace Lindsey, J. P. Agnew, Harry C. Yche, J. A. Eggborn, C. B. Paff, Thomas Elliott, Robert Elliott, O. P. Angelo, G. Thomas Caton, J. S. Douglas, and C. C. Carlin, From Fairfax county the aides will be G. K. Pickett, G. E. Pickett, E. S. Pickett, Owen Triplett, Evererd Triplett, Mosby Beattle, Claud Oliver, Eppa Oliver, J. M. Jackson, J. M. Lynck, and John Grehan. Friendship Veteran Fire Engine com-

Line of March.

The following will be the line of march for tomorrow's parade:

First Division.

Platoon of mounted police, chief marshal, members of staff, MacLeod's Band, Alexandria Light Infantry, Captain King; officers of association and distinguished guests in carriages, Chief George W. Pettey, of the Alexandria Pire Department, Chief William T. Beit, of the Washington Fire Department; Veteran Fire Association of Washington, Friendship Veteran Fire Company, of Alexandria; Relief Hook and Ludder Company, of Alexandria; Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company, of Alexandria; Reliance Steam Fire Engine Company, of Alexandria; Beliance Steam Fire Engine Company, of Alexandria; Beliance Steam Fire Engine Company, of Alexandria; battalion of Washington, D. C., firemen, with apparatus. Band, Alexandria Light Infantry, Cap-

Second Division.

Chamber's fire company of Portsmouth, with band; Park View hose company, with band; Annex hose com pany, of Norfolk, Va.; Charlettesville fire company, Waynesboro fire company, Staunton fire company, Harrisonburg fire company, Pocahontas fire company, Third Division.

Phoebus fire company, with band; Rescue fire company, from Newport News; Rescue hook and ladder com-pany, from Newport News; Eagle company, from Newport News; Independent company from Charleston, with band; Citizens' fire company, Suffolk fire company, Luray fire company, Woodstock fire company, Bedford fire

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After the parade tomorrow the visiting firemen will be taken to Armory Hall, in South Royal Street, where a banquet will be served them.

The route of the parade will be the same as was published in yesterday's Times with the exception of the squares on Wolfe Street from Lee to St. Asaph, which will have to be cut out on account of a force of men being at work graveling that street.

Hose Races Friday.

On Friday the hose races will take place. The following companies have entered for the contests, one of which will be for a prize of \$100 and possession of the association trumpet; second prize, \$25. The other will be for a prize of £6: second prize, £25: Harrisonburg
Hose Company, Lexington Hose Company, Covington Hose Company, Luray
Hose Company, and the Staumton Hose
Company. The hook and ladder race
and steamer contest, for which prizes
had been offered, will, it is thought, not
take place, as none of the companies
have brought steamers or hook and ladder trucks, and the Alexandria firemen
cannot take part in any of the contests.
A Mardi Gras company is showing on
the old fair grounds, and is attracting
great attention. A balloon ascension is
made every evening at 6 o'clock, and a
trapeze performance takes place from
the parachute as it comes to the ground. of \$50; second prize, \$25; Harrisonburg

FOOTPAD ENDS HIS LIFE.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 17.—A footpad, who has been terrorizing residents of this city for a week, committed suicide when an intended victim, W. W. Brechant, threw him to the ground and took his revolvers. The highwayman drew a knife and cut his own throat.

### Mr. Macfarland Goes Into Stamp Business

Receives Rare Collection From School Boy in Japan Who Wishes to Raise Money to Help Widows of Dead Soldiers.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 17.—The eighteenth annual convention of the Virginia State Firemen's Association opened which he will sell to any phliatelist that may call at the District Building, and put up the money for them. He will sell them in bulk, singly, or in groups, its seession at Lannon's Opera House, as the desires of the purchasers may

delegates to the convention, while the of the silver wedding of the Emperor and Empress of Japan, were received presence of whom added brilliancy to the the town of Kil, Wakayama prefecture, Japan. The boy asks the Commissioner Convention Opens.

The convention was opened by John mates the stamps, in order that they H. Trimyer, president of the association. In a neat speech he introduced the for the support of the families of Japanese killed in the war.

Will Act on Request.

Commissioner Macfarland has replied

District Commissioner Macfarland today made his initial bow as an agent
to sell canceled Japanese stamps, in order to raise a fund for the support of
families of Japanese soldiers who have
been killed or wounded in the war with
Russia.

The Commissioner has 510 rare stamps
which he will sell to any philatelist that
may call at the District Building, and
put up the money for them. He will
sell them in bulk, singly, or in groups,
as the desires of the purchasers may
dictate.

The stamps, which are commemorative
of the silver wedding of the Emperor
and Empress of Japan, were received
from Tajima Hisakichl, a schoolboy, in

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They have a number of these stamps and Tajima has been commissioned forward them to the United States. He knows of no way of doing this because he has no acquaintance in this country, and therefore has ventured to address the authorities of the Capital City of the United States, and to ask them to do him the favor to dispose of the welcome. The mayor was replied to by Capt. R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, who thanked the citizens of Alexandria for their cordial welcome.

J. Randall Caton Speaks.

The next speaker was J. Randall Caton, jr., a rising young lawyer of this city, who welcomed the Firemen's Association on behalf of the firemen of Alexandria. This was Mr. Caton's first speech before a public gathering here, and made a fevorable impression.

Commissioner Macfarland has replied that, while he cannot act officially in the matter, he will personally be glad in the interest of humaunity, to let it be known that he has the stamps, and receive and transmit the money that may be given for them. He will communicate with philatellists especially as to the value of the stamps.

In his letter, which was translated for Commissioner Macfarland at the Japanes of the garded as a beggar, but that his request will be granted. For anything that may be done to that end he expresses warm appreciation and cordial thanks.

#### RAZOR IN HAND HE LOOKED FOR POLICEMEN

Samson, of the First Precinct, Wrested George Gantz, of Washington, Hurt the Weapon From His

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Aug. 17.-Lloyd JONADAB LAWN FETE Stahl, a boy, was on his way home to Cable with \$9, his week's wages, in his pockets, when a highwayman leaped out of the bushes and proceeded to rob

Several men driving to this place appeared on the scene and after a des-perate fight with them, the highway-man, finding himself being overpowered, fled to the woods and escaped.

### INJURED IN RUNAWAY, HE IS NOW IN HOSPITAL

Near Reading, Pa.

Claudus R. Gantz, fourteen years old, John L. Perkins, who started a panic on E Street about 6 o'clock yesterday evening by flourishing a razor at passes, by until he was finally taken into camp by Policeman Samson, of the First precinct, was fined \$50 for carrying a concealed weapon and \$5 for disorderly conduct in Police Court this morning. Perkins gave his home at Richmond, Va., where he said he was engaged in the tobacco business.

Approaching two negroes yesterday, Perkins waved a razor in their faces and asked if they had seen any police men. Knowing the capabilities of the weapon Perkins flourished, they told him they had seen several, and slowly silpped away from him, breaking into a run when they got out of reach. Perkins shouted that every cop he had seen had run away.

Then camb Samson, clad in citizen's clothes, and looking innocent. He grabbed Perkins' arm and twisted the razor from his hand. Perkins asked that his razor be given back, but Samson could not see his way to granting the request just then, and took Perkins to the stationhouse.

DRIVERS JUST IN TIME

TO FOIL HIGHWAYMAN

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Aug. 17.—Lloyd

Cands on of George Gantz, a local hotel keeper, is in the general hospital of Lancaster, Pa., seriously injured, as the resuit of a runway accident, at Reading, Pa., last Monday.

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CLOSES IN THE RAIN

Notwithstanding the rain of last night,

there were over 500 old and young folk at the closing of the Independent Order of Jonadabs' lawn fete, and the little rain which was falling did not in any way retard the amusements or affect the sale of edibles. Hundreds of the young folks availed themselves of the dancing pavilion, which was crowded throughout the evening.

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 17.—The annual camp meeting of the South district of the Philadelphia Methodiat conference opened last evning at Rawlinsville, several thousand persons attending.

The camp is in charge of the Rev. J.
T. Swindells as spiritual director, and he is assisted by the Revs. Frank Mark, E. J. Bord, J. S. Guernsey, and J. H.
Boyer, Prof. J. Lincoln Hall, of Philadelphia, is musical director. rain which was falling did not in any

#### Floor Covering Wants Anticipate

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## Guess What the Grand Total of the Figures in the Chart Is.

A Metrostyle Pianola for the First Best Answer to the Problem, or an Upright Piano If the Winner Prefers.

### Conditions—Read Carefully.

Add the figures in the chart. The lowest figure is ONE and the highest NINE. There are no double figures.

The problem is not how many figures the chart contains, but how much the figures, when added together, amount to.

One count will be allowed with each 50 cents paid, and all amounts so paid will apply on subscription to the Evening or Sunday Times, or both.

Residents of Washington city or out-of-town points, where The Times is served by newsboys or news agents, will be given subscription coupons in an amount equal to what they pay. These coupons are an acknowledgment of the receipt of the estimates and are to be paid the same as cash to boys or agents as they collect from time to time for papers served. When the paper is to be sent by mail the address label on the paper will be dated ahead in accordance with the amount paid, and this date will indicate that the money has been received and the count recorded.

This contest ends at midnight Saturday, August 27. No one directly or indirectly connected with The Times will be allowed to submit counts.

### The Prizes: For Early and Late Guesses.

First-A Metrostyle Pianola from Sanders & Stayman, 1327 F

Note: In case the winner of the prize has no plano the Pianola may be exchanged for an upright plano of the same value.) Second-A Solid Gold Watch, value \$50.

Third—A Gold Seal Ring.

Fourth-Large Floor Rug. From the store of The Hub Furniture Company, Seventh and D Streets N. W. Fifth-An Order for \$25 in merchandise on Goldenberg's De-

Sixth—Trip to Atlantic City for a week. (Note: Trip includes transportation and room and board at Hotel Agnew.) Seventh-Silver Watch. Boy's Hunting or Open Face or Girl's

Chatelaine Watch. Prize restricted to boy or girl attending school. On display at L. Callishers's store, 917 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Eighth-A Silk Umbrella. Ninth—A Solitaire Diamond Ring.

Tenth-A five dollar account in the People's Bank, 820 F

Eleventh-A year's subscription to the Evening and Sunday

Twelfth-An Easy Chair. The first eight prizes will be awarded for the first correct or nearest correct answers, and the last four for the last correct or nearest

### The Metrostyle Pianola

In offering as the first prize in this contest the choice of a Pianola or Piano, The Times contributes an item of interest to both those who have and those who do not possess a piano. Any one possessing a piano will be pleased to win the self-playing attachment, as it will enable everybody in the house to play for himself or herself. The Pianola offered by The Times is equal in value to a piano, so if the winner prefers he can have a first-class instrument. The Metrostyle Pianola, sold by Sanders & Stayman, is perfection in the art of self-playing instrument making. It operates with the same expression as the most skilled pianist gets from a piano, and is so simple that any one in the household can operate it.

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